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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, EIND, IT, US

SUBJ: LOCKHEED SCANDAL STATUS REPORT: EMBASSY COMMENTS ON GOI  
INVESTIGATION

REF: A. ROME 2964 (NOTAL), B. ROME 2962

1. PRESS FOR LAST SEVERAL DAYS HAS BEEN SPECULATING THAT  
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL ILARIO MARTELLA WAS PLANNING AN IN-  
VESTIGATIVE VISIT TO US (REQUEST FOR USG ASSISTANCE DESCRIBED  
IN REFTEL B). MAGISTRATURA REPORTEDLY STUDYING WHETHER INTER-  
NATIONAL AGREEMENTS PROVIDE FOR EFFECTIVE INVESTIGATION ABROAD  
BY MARTELLA. SEVERAL PAPERS HAVE IMPLIED SARCASTICALLY THAT  
INVESTIGATION MUST NOW BE CONDUCTED ABROAD SINCE KEY SUSPECTS,  
E.G. OVIDIO LEFEBVRE AND CAMILO CROCIANI, WERE NOT IMPEDED FROM  
MAKING TIMELY DEPARTURES FROM ITALY.

2. PRESS ALSO TREATS AS FOREGONE CONCLUSION THAT NORTHROP/  
PAGE EUROPA, AND SELENIA WILL BE THE NEXT SCANDALS TO EXPLODE.  
MEDIO FOCUS (INCLUDING RAI TV NEWS) IS SLOWLY SHIFTING TO HIGH-  
LIGHT RECEPTIVITY OF ITALIAN ELITE TO CORRUPT PRACTICES AND TO  
ACCUSE GOI OF CLUMSY, IF NOT CRIMINALLY NEGLIGENT, CONDUCT OF  
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INVESTIGATION. WHILE THIS TAKES SOME OF HEAT OFF US FIRMS, AND

IN BACKHANDED WAY MAKES USG LOOK RELATIVELY GOOD, IT FURTHER  
TARNISHES ALREADY DULL IMAGE OF THOSE WITH HISTORICAL AND  
ON-GOING RESPONSIBILITIES AS MANAGERS OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT  
AND ITS STATE-CONTROLLED ENTERPRISES.

3. EQUALLY HARMFUL IS FACT THAT PUBLIC IS BEING TOLD THAT  
ITALIAN MILITARY HAS SQUANDERED ITS RESOURCES BY PURCHASING  
EQUIPMENT LIKE THE C-130, THE F-104S AND LEOPARD TANKS WHICH  
ARE ROUTINELY CHARACTERIZED IN MEDIA AS BEING TOO EXPENSIVE,  
DANGEROUS, NOT FITTED TO REALISTIC ITALIAN NEEDS, OR ALL OF  
THE ABOVE. THIS COULD POSSIBLY HAVE IMPACT ON PARLIAMENTARY  
APPROVAL FOR ITALIAN ARMY AND AIR FORCE RESTRUCTURING BILLS  
OR LEAD TO CONTROLS ON CONTRACTING PROCEDURES WHICH MIGHT  
HARM COMPETITIVE POSITION OF US FIRMS.VOLPE

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